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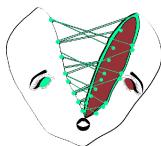
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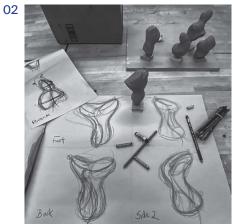
Prattonia 2022 (MMXXII) is the current year, and is a common year starting on Saturday of the Gregorian calendar, the 2022nd year of the Common Era (CE) and Anno Domini (AD) designations, the 22nd year of the 3rd millennium and the 21st century, and the 3rd year of the 2020s decade.

The United Nations declared 2022 as the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture, International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development, International Year of Sustainable Mountain Development, and the International Year of Glass.

In February, Russia invaded Ukraine which led to international condemnations and sanctions, the displacement of 12 million Ukrainians (7 million internally displaced persons and 5 million refugees) and the largest armed conflict in Europe since World War II.







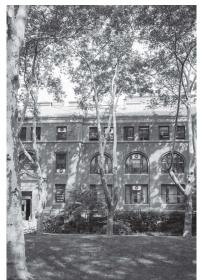














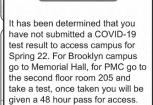
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shoutout to whoever this is

Dear graduating class of 2022!

Congratulations!

I have loved getting to know you over the past 3 years. From your first moments as fresh and demure sophomores until your final, confident senior days, observing your growth has been extremely rewarding for me.

Along the way, a few of you have asked me for some life advice, and so I have jotted down some notes for you. These are some of the things that I would say to myself at your age.

As you venture out into the world, always remain a student. Stay curious about your work, about the world around you and about the people you encounter. Life is a journey filled with rich experiences. Remain interested, continue to grow and learn and you will stay forever young.

Stay true and never doubt yourself. Don't let life's challenges hold you back. Don't divert attention fretting over what anyone might think about anything. You are fabulous! Be confident and bold. Life rewards those who push through and lead.

Don't waste time. It all goes by in the blink of an eye. It's true what they say that in the end, it will be the things you don't do that you'll regret the most and not the mistakes you made along the way. Dream big and persevere, the world will honor you with gifts.

And lastly, be kind, respectful and generous with each other. Humanity needs it now, possibly more than ever before.

Good luck and stay in touch!

Frank @frankfranca

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why are 8am Tuesday classes a thing?





Hi! Anonymous please! Can you all start a petition to get peacocks on campus









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Dear Graduates. The invitation to write a letter to the Pratt Institute graduating class of 2022 was an honor but also a bit daunting; write to an impressive group of people all marking a major achievement and passing from one phase of vour lives to another. It is also the kind of assignment that I bet a lot of you have found frustrating during your time at Pratt-extremely open-ended (no length requirement even!) but also with an air of high stakes

Even as I was feeling daunted I had to laugh because my courses require the very same assignment — to write a letter. And I don't even specify a recipient!

Feeling somewhat at a loss at first, I asked around to some riends and family to see what people thought would be a good thing to say.

My 7-year-old suggested that I tell you to shout out "Son of a nutcracker!" If you're feeling frustrated. (I haven't tried it yet.)

A friend told me that I should stick to practical advice, like "never run for a bus." (I don't necessarily agree.)

My spouse had a much loftier vision, saying I should explain to you what I hope for each of you in your relationship to yourselves, and also what I hope for you in relationship to others and to the world around us. (This feels pretty ambitious.)

Still feeling at something of a loss, I approached another friend who always offers a sympathetic and wise ear to my toughest problems. I told her what I had so far (see above). She said she liked seeing how I was using my favored social science research methodology: qualitative inquiry-seeking a collaborative approach to meaning making from multiple perspectives. It's an approach that can tend toward ambiguity, often with no definitive point of arrival.

I remember a similar soupy confusion in the time after finishing college—I felt a beautiful surge of relief and reprieve, knowing that I was finally finished with ever looming FINALS and ASSIGNMENTS, not just for the semester but potentially forever. But at the same time, I experienced a feeling of rootlessness. ambiguity. unsettledness. unfinishedness... and a weird sense that I should be closer to some definitive arrival point, both personally and professionally.

There is much research to support what I am about to say next, but I think we all mostly know this intuitively and reflectively from our own learning experiences: we gain the most intellectually and have the most positive learning experiences when curiosity, joy, and desire take over, and worry about achievement or arrival at a final destination recedes. When we leave behind the pretense of performance, the

fear of failure, and become engaged in the world as someone whose discipline and motivation are driven by desire to learn, we learn more, and we have more meaningful relationships with each other. If I think about it now, the places in my life that are the most rewarding are marked by this—playing and practicing music; teaching; being in relationship with and caring for others.

This week in my Eduction and Society course we have been reading an essay by the Brazilian philosopher and educator Paulo Freire, who says that an awareness of our essential unfinishedness is the most important thing we can recognize about ourselves to become more ethical and engaged people. He says,

"I like being human, being a person, precisely because it is not already given as certain, unequivocal, or irrevocable that I am or will be 'correct." If we can accept that we are unfinished, it "implies our insertion in a permanent process of search, motivated by a curiosity" (56).

I like this as a guidepost. You have to think of yourself as unfinished if you are going to engage ethically with the world. Pretending we are complete or have "arrived" makes us disingenuous, and that becomes a barrier to learning. It also makes us blind and complacent to the experiences of others.

Freire wants us to understand that we are all conditioned

to think in particular ways; we are conditioned by our upbringing to see ourselves in a particular ways, see others in particular ways, to imagine what is good or bad, what might make us happy or sad, in particular ways. We might be conditioned to worry or feel indifferent, to become indifferent to each other. But if we are aware of those conditionings, then we have the opportunity to be curious, and to make different choices.

For many of us, college is a rupture from what we thought was "settled" in our minds. Hopefully, it makes us aware of our conditioning. It also generates new desires, new confusions, new conditionings! But if in the coming months you feel vourself imagining others as inherently more "complete" or "arrived" than you, remember that you're focusing on a false consciousness. Turn instead to learning, curiosity, the things that engage the best parts of vou.

Maybe the first step IS shouting "son of a nutcracker!"

As for those of you I had the pleasure of meeting and studying with: thank you, so much, for making the classroom a place of deep and valuable learning. I hope you create more conditions for curiosity, openness, and engagement with others in the spaces you subsequently inhabit. Congratulations on this milestone.

In admiration and gratitude, Liz Knauer

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Whoever took the female condom off the door of room 804 in Emerson please return it we miss it











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Anybody elese notice the irony in a department called "Public Safety" having employees enforce digital ID checkpoints tied to a social contract, yet brazenly roam the hallways without mask on? Sick of masks just as much as anyone else, but the optics and hypocrisy are laughable at this point.

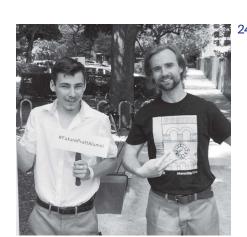


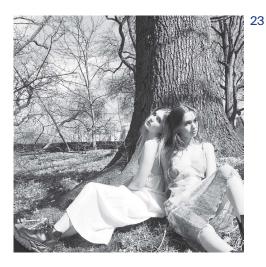














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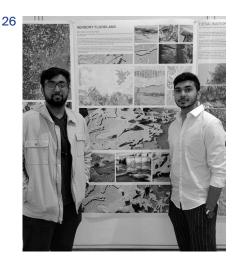
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Amidst all the covid discussion, here's some updates to the shrine on campus:)

Just wanted to share for all the people that aren't here on campus to see the snow!!









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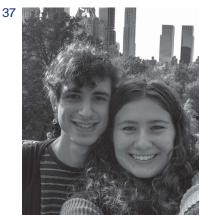


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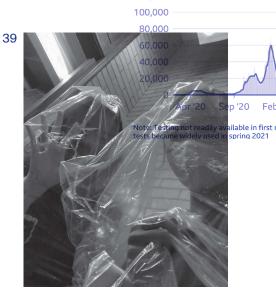












this is why comm d students need a 4 hour class on fonts lol

Obstacles

When I think about my students, ninety-nine percent of the time I'm focused on the incredible intelligence, energy, creativity, openness, risk-taking and flashes of actual genius they bring to their work. At best-- which happens quite regularly, by the way-- it makes me feel like maybe there's hope for this shitty world after all. Yes, your final project was really that good! For twenty years I've remembered a phrase you used in some random response paper!

But at graduation ceremonies, for some reason, I often think instead about the obstacles that students I know have had to overcome to sit in that auditorium. Some obstacles are systemic: class privilege, white supremacism, masculinism and misogyny, homophobia and transphobia, American cultural and linguistic privilege and xenophobia, neurotypicality and other kinds of normalcy and shaming. Some are more personal (if that's the right word): illnesses, accidents and deaths, toxic parents and families, legacies of abuse and neglect and trauma. And some are more universal: the depredations of capitalism—the dark energy pushing us apart—and the encroaching specters of climate change and rising fascisms.

A list like this is way too general and depersonalized, but something makes me want at least to officially acknowledge and name some of what we're up against.

Often, above all, we fight our own demons, which are never entirely our own but tend to be repercussions of all of the above. As my old teacher, the poet Adrienne Rich, put it,

these are the forces they had ranged against us, and these are the forces we had ranged within us, within us and against us, against us and within us.

Adrienne was one of a handful of teachers who inspired and empowered me, just by her presence. She died in 2012. Her voice still bubbles up in my brain. I hope some of her strength and kindness and queerness and intelligence-all audible in the precise inflections of her voice-- have rubbed off on me somehow. Finding teachers like Adrienne kept me alive in so many ways.

But sometimes teachers are among the obstacles we have to overcome. When I went to art school, in the late 1970s, I worked obsessively on small line drawings on paper, entirely figurative, while most of my professors were dogmatically abstract artists. Their big, loose oil paintings on

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months of the pandemic. Lateral flow

canvas were the opposite of what I was interested in. At best. they didn't know what to make of me, but some were openly dismissive. I remember one professor telling me that I was merely an illustrator, not an artist. If that makes your blood boil on my behalf--- all the more if you've been subject to some form of this hostile non-recognition yourself (or if you happen to be an illustrator)-- you should know that I was so other-worldly-- so much in my own bubble-that it hardly mattered to me. And consider that, even at the time, my professor was already a dinosaur and the art world was on the cusp of a figurative turn anyway. And, something to keep in mind: it's now decades later, I'm here writing this and my old professor will have been dead for many years. So yeah, I guess I never achieved full Zen non-attachment after all. My old pal William Blake-- often at odds with the dominant artistic and literary standards of his time-- said it best: "Listen to the fool's reproach; it is a kingly title!" During the many years I taught at Stony Brook University (a more hostile environment for me), I kept a banner with that aphorism on it above my office door. You can't even get through a day unless you're pretty good at rebuilding your bubble!

At graduations I often think about the extra challenges that foreign students face. Amid the other convulsive transitions of going to college and the steep learning curves of young adulthood, foreign students have to negotiate the epic challenges of trans-culturation and, often, the stresses of operating day-to-day in a second language. The reward can be a kind of wisdom that comes from being an outsider/insider; sometimes I think that an outsider/insider position is the precondition for everything that can be called knowledge. Maybe you're fated never to feel quite at home anywhere, but that may be part of being an artist or an intellectual anyway, and many of us felt that way long before leaving home.

I've been to lots of graduations over the years but I've never heard the achievement of transculturation recognized. One reason it impresses me so much is because I have a transcultural family but have never gained anything like full linguistic or cultural fluency in another language/culture myself. I've always wanted to stand on the stage at graduation and say this: transcultural students—I'm in awe of your accomplishment! I hope you think of this when you're sitting in that auditorium.

Ira Livingston

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Am I the only one feel overwhelmed by the school? Too much readings and homework...... I really hope someone can share their feelings.







Does anyone do tarot card readings? I'm in a funk and looking for some reason/advice



Dear Soon-to-be Pratt Graduates,

You probably don't know me.

Each semester, I teach one section of a giant Foundation course and one undergraduate elective. I work with students at the beginning of their art school experience as well as near the end. If you were enrolled in either (or both) of my classes, your presence has made me a better teacher.

Although it's likely we never shared a classroom, you and I share a common experience of being a student at Pratt. Me, in the 1980s, when Brooklyn rents were cheap, first year students were advised to never walk past Classon Avenue, and nobody had an email address. You, in a time of ever-increasing social awareness, a virus challenging us beyond our collective imagination, and a beautifully manicured campus.

When I was a senior, I worked on the Pratt yearbook. I had the good fortune to partner with fellow ComD student Sam Kuo. When we were in class together, he kicked my ass. But to be fair, I kicked his ass as well. Our friendship and collaborations were dynamic and treasured. Without Sam, my experience at Pratt would have been less rich.

After graduation, Sam and I remained close and we critiqued each other's work for over 30 years. Very sadly, before the pandemic, he was diagnosed with cancer. We were in constant touch before he died. Sam told me that the best time in his life was when we were students, sitting around together coming up with ideas. I wasn't at all surprised to hear this, because everything about that time was great.

This farewell letter to you is a return to Prattonia for me. It's traditional to offer a few words of advice gleaned from still being alive and doing creative stuff. Here are mine to you:

- Treasure your friendships from Pratt. You may be surprised where they lead you.
- Crits don't end with art school. If you are smart and lucky, you will make it a lifestyle. If you are extraordinarily lucky, you can maintain a critique conversation for more than 30 years.



- Find ways to balance your creative passion with being practical and paying the bills. When these things converge, that is a very good place to be.
- Teach if you are drawn to doing that and if you feel you have something of value to give. Sharing knowledge has unexpected returns.
- Be continually open and curious. What we don't know is perpetually greater than what we know. With this in mind, I hope you will remain a student.
- And, of course, the Pratt motto: "Be true to your work and your work will be true to you." This has remained sound advice all for the years I've been hanging around this place.

If you were part of my classroom (remote or in-person), I am glad for our time together. I will always be interested in what you're doing. Stay in touch. Whether or not we ever meet again, I wish you the best.

If we managed to be at the same school for years without knowing each other, I am sorry I missed you. I'm certain that there are people here who feel about you what I feel for my students, so stay in touch with them. Regardless of whether our paths ever cross, I wish you the best.

Much love,

Megan Cash

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P.S.A Remeber to be kind, you never know what someone is going through.

P.s don't be so hard on yourself if you do fuck up every once in a while.



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Are there hawks by Myrtle Hall?

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Can we talk about how we spend thousands of dollars to go to pratt when the campus is literally the size of my summer home



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Has anyone else felt incredibly lonely this year? Ik we're slowly getting outta the pandemic but I've found it incredibly hard to find and keep friends and be positive:(





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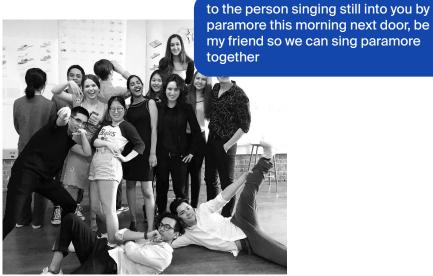






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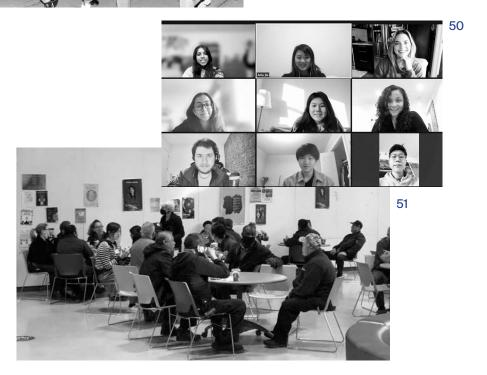
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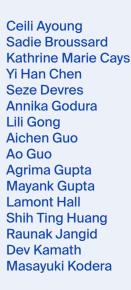


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Thank you to all those who submitted photographs to be included in this journal. We worked hard to find space for everyone - if, for some reason, your submission isn't included, please accept our apologies. Also, please note that many of the individuals featured in these photographs aren't named (you know who you are!). Instead, we used the person's name who sent us the image to credit the submission. Many thanks also to the professors (Frank Franca, Liz Knauer, Ira Livingston and Megan Cash) who kindly took the time to write letters for inclusion in this journal.

Spaced throughout this booklet (in blue) are photographs and links to news events that took place this academic year. This selection is not intended as a summary of the world events that took place over the past ten months but are instead the stories that we feel are of particular note. We have abided by the doctrine of "fair use" for the inclusion of news photographs in this context.

We would also like to take the opportunity here to thank the students who submitted artwork for the sticker sheets included in the box:



Xinyun Liang Jingbin Lin (Rocky) Jessalyn Lu Alicia Yoyo Ma Owen Madigan Madison Costello Maffia Lauryn Reynolds Monty Rush **Jiawen Shang** Jingyang Shi **Doris Adé Smith JUSTICE Michelle Thomas** Chu Ge Wang (Nox) Josh Weinstein **Chloe White** Beilin Xu



November 24 2021, the Omicron variant was detected in South Africa. A few days later the World Health Organization declared it a VoC (variant of concern). The new variant is more infectious than the Delta variant.

January 1st 2022, Europe passed 100 million cases amidst a surge in the Omicron variant.

January 14th 2022, the World Health Organization recommended two new treatments, Baricitinib, and Sotrovimab (although conditionally).

January 24th 2022, it was reported that about 57% of the world has been infected by COVID-19, per the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation Model.

March 6th 2022, it was reported that the total worldwide death count surpassed 6 million people since the start of the pandemic.

April 25th 2022, it was reported that COVID-19 cases rapidly approached 500 million. According to Johns Hopkins University, the total case count amounted to 509,196,481



